

ABSTRACT

In a physical distribution system (150) for delivering a package (10) from a sending source (141) to a receiving destination (143), an information-transfer system (1) for conveying product information (131) along with the package (10) comprises an IC tag (5), an information-writing device (2), electronic mail (121) and an information-reading device (6). The IC tag (5) is attached to the package (10) and stores the product information (131) thereof, and the information-writing device (2) writes the product information (131) in association with key information (132) into the IC tag (5) when the product information (131) and the key information (132) are entered at the sending source (141). The electronic mail (121) is used for sending the key information (132) from the sending source (141) to the receiving destination (143) through a route different from that taken by the package (10), and the information-reading device (6) retrieves from the IC tag (5) only the product information (131) that is associated with the key information (132) when the key information (132) is entered at the receiving destination (143).